

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Filippi, Walker, Preiss, Blackburn, Richard and Pearson. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #070327A: Mr. Ramzi Loqa, for the property located at 11 Thomas Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant the variances requested by the Applicant, there being no objection by the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060007: Stanfield Corporation, for the property located at 1225 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown. ADSFM Thomas Karpovitz appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance for the installation of a compliant fire alarm system for this facility. The Applicant shall submit plans to the Middletown Fire Marshal's office for this system by the end of the summer and the system shall be installed by May 1, 2009. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060153: Mr. Reed Lincoln, for the property located at

203-209 North Fenner Avenue, Middletown. ADSFM Thomas Karpovitz appeared for the Middletown Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant failed to appear.

APPEAL #050931: Ms. Linda Wadensten, for the property located at 1065 Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant's request for variance to allow only one means of egress from the bathrooms in the lower level of the banquet room, stipulating that this variance is only for this particular organized dining facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080203: WREC Precision Park LLC, for the property located at 200 Frenchtown Road, North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Richard, to approve the plan of action as agreed to by the parties. This plan of action is to stay with the property. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050738: Mr. James Callahan, for the property located at 2 Fraternity Circle, Kingston. DSFM Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion,

seconded by Commissioners Dias, Filippi and Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a time variance until September 1, 2009 to correct the deficiency by sprinklering the facility or by replacing the cited windows. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060817: Mr. George Brainerd, for the property located at 43 Federal Street, Woonsocket. Deputy State Fire Marshals Cynthia Dehler, Christopher Moore and Arthur Dacosta appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Dias, to grant the following relief. Dimensions variances are granted for items 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the May 1, 2008 inspection report. The Applicant testified that he will comply with items 8, 11, 12 and 13 of the May 1, 2008 inspection report. A variance is granted in items 1 and 9, to allow the Applicant not to sprinkle the facility, provided that the occupant load is limited on each level to 49 people, noting that any change of use in this facility negates all variances granted. Item #5 is not a deficiency. The Applicant is directed to correct #7 by rating the cited door. The Applicant is granted a time variance of 180 days to correct items 10 and 14. The motion passed over the opposition votes of Commissioners Preiss and Blackburn.

APPEAL #080205: Mr. Lombard Pozzi, for the property located at 525 Hope Street in Bristol. Chief Robert Martin appeared for the Bristol Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook recused himself from

consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Pearson and Richard, to direct the Applicant to install a magnetic hold-open device on the interrupter gate located nearest door #203 prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. The motion passed with Commissioner Preiss abstaining and Commissioner Blackburn voting in opposition. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the Applicant is not required to install an interrupter gate at the top of the stairs nearest to door 114. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella

Deputy Director